

MINUTES

FOR THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2001  
4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
202 C STREET, 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

**ITEM-1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pesqueira at 4:00 p.m.

**ITEM-2: ROLL CALL**

Operations Director Staajsbu Heshimu called the roll:

(C) Chairman Ralph R. Pesqueira-present  
(VC) Vice Chairman Leland T. Saito-present  
(M) Mateo R. Camarillo-present  
(M) Charles W. Johnson-present  
(M) Marichu G. Magaña-present  
(M) Shirley ODell-present  
(M) Juan Antonio Ulloa-present

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION

(Tape location A003-007.)

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

(C) Chairman Ralph R. Pesqueira-present  
(VC) Vice Chairman Leland T. Saito-present  
(M) Mateo R. Camarillo-present  
(M) Charles W. Johnson-present  
(M) Marichu G. Magaña-present  
(M) Shirley ODell-present  
(M) Juan Antonio Ulloa-present

ALSO PRESENT:

Deputy City Attorney Lisa Foster  
Staajabu Heshimu, Operations Director  
Joey Perry, Senior Planner

**ITEM-3: NON-AGENDA COMMENT**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the commission.

Comments are limited to no more than two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission's Operations Director no later than 20 minutes (approximately 4:20 p.m.) after the Call to Order. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under "Non-Agenda Comment."

SPEAKER 1: Thomas Martin

Mr. Martin commented on behalf of the Clairemont Town Council asking the Commission to adopt the preliminary map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A019-043.)

SPEAKER 2: Michael Pallamary

Mr. Pallamary commented that the Commission has done an incredible job and the Preliminary Map is a work of genius. He encouraged the Commission to adopt that map. Mr. Pallamary stated that the city needs ten districts and encouraged the Commission to provide that as a recommendation.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A051-067.)

SPEAKER 3: Steve Wimmers

Mr. Wimmers stated that he supports the Revised Preliminary Map and is opposed to the Evolutionary Map. He stated that some changes are needed and the Revised Preliminary Map answers most of the issues that have been raised.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A084-101.)

SPEAKER 4: Rich Grosch

Mr. Grosch stated that he supports the Revised Preliminary Map and is opposed to the Evolution Map and would like to see Mission Bay kept in District 2.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A103-115.)

SPEAKER 5: Jan Hudson:

Ms. Hudson expressed her opposition to the Evolution Map and stated that she is in favor of the Preliminary Map

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A116-130.)

SPEAKER 6: Anne Harvey:

Ms. Harvey stated that she is opposed to the Evolution Map because it would cut her community of Carmel Valley in two and she urged the Commission not to divide her community.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A132-150.)

SPEAKER 7: Lisa Ross:

Ms. Ross stated her opposition to the Evolution Map because it divides Carmel Valley. It is not smart growth to cut communities of interest at a freeway.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A152-179.)

SPEAKER 8: Robert Haynes:

Mr. Haynes stated that the southeastern part of the city is going to Spring Valley, three parts of that area doesn't have a clear-cut dividing line. He was informed by the Commission that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over those lines.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A224-272.)

SPEAKER 9: Woody Deck

Mr. Deck stated that the City needs to adopt more City Council Districts. He expressed is opposition to the Evolution Map because it splits the Mission Beach and Pacific Beach communities: he believes that communities of interest should be kept together.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A280-304.)

SPEAKER 10: Pam Glover:

Ms. Glover stated her opposition to the Evolution Map because it splits Mission Beach and Pacific Beach. These areas and Mission Bay should stay in District 2.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A306-328.)

SPEAKER 11: Gary Rotto

Mr. Rotto stated that he represents the Serra Mesa Community Planning Group and the group is opposed to the Evolution Map because it splits their community. He stated that they support the Preliminary Map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A329-358.)

Speaker 12: Donald Cohen:

Mr. Cohen expressed his opposition to Evolution Map and is in support of the Preliminary Map.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A358-374.)

SPEAKER 13: Dede McClure:

Ms. McClure stated that she lives in District 4 and expressed her support for the Evolution Map with a little bit of tinkering.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location A375-414.)

SPEAKER 14: Jerry Mailhot:

Mr. Mailhot expressed support for the Revised Preliminary Map and opposition to the Evolution Map. He stated that he is concerned that Carmel Valley, Sorrento Hills, and Del Mar Heights stay together.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION (Tape location B108-B128.)

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD  
POLICING AREA**

A representative of the Policy and Planning Division of the San Diego Police Department will discuss how the Neighborhood Policing Areas (police beats) were developed with community input.

Pat Drummy from the San Diego Police Department explained that the neighborhood boundaries for the Neighborhood Policing Areas were drawn where they are as a result of many meetings the police department had with community members. The maps were created to support the department's community policing areas thus they wanted the people who lived there to define where they thought their communities began and ended.. Mr. Drummy said the original maps were drawn in the late '90s but they are continually being updated. In response to questions, Mr. Drummy said that the people in City

Heights defined their community as all of City Heights, but the police department, in order to better manage the high crime area, divided the community into West City Heights and East City Heights. He also responded that whether a community is large like Mira Mesa or City Heights or small like Webster just depends on how the communities define themselves.

Mr. Pesqueira stated that he will advise that police beat maps not be used for future redistricting.

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION** (Tape location: A417-B106.)

**ITEM 5 DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN**

Commission members will continue the map development process with staff assisting using the Maptitude Redistricting software. Maptitude will also be used to analyze the effects of the proposed boundary changes on protected groups and communities of interest. Commissioners may also present alternate maps and receive presentations from City staff or other individuals from whom they have asked to hear. Possible action relating to Final Redistricting Plan adoption.

Chairman Pesqueira called the roll of speakers that will speak as a group. Forty- two minutes will be allotted for this group to speak.

**SPEAKER 1: Levin Sy** (Tape B157-500)

Mr. Sy stated that he is involved with redistricting as a student at UCLA. He stated that he is in support of the unification of Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos into one council district. Mr. Sy supports the residents of Carmel Valley remaining united in one district. His plan, submitted on July 20 and presented on July 25, united the communities of Carmel Valley. Mr Sy explained the factors which were taken into account when drawing the map he presented.

The following people spoke in favor of the unification of Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos as part of an organized presentation:

**SPEAKER 2: Dr. Allen Chang** (B501-586)

SPEAKER 3: Greg Alabardo (B596-624)

SPEAKER 4: Stan Chu (C005-025)

SPEAKER 5: Palma Hooper (C026-047)

SPEAKER 6: Jesse Quinsaat (C048-064)

SPEAKER 7: Cindy Chan (C065-084)

SPEAKER 8: Bill Fong (C088-100)

SPEAKER 9: Hilbert Chu (C102-115)

SPEAKER 10: Glenn Barroga (C117-146)

SPEAKER 11: Mary Lorenzo (C147-172)

SPEAKER 12: Vivienne Tacason (C173-179)

SPEAKER 13: Lucy Gonzalez (C187-221)

SPEAKER 14: Alex Brugado (C223-260)

SPEAKER15: Hermie Cervantes (C265-310)

Question by Commissioner Magana to Mr. Cervantes (C311-326)

SPEAKER 16: Winlov Cudal (C335-350)

SPEAKER 17: Casey Chan (C352-367)

SPEAKER18: Yen Tu (C370-389)

SPEAKER19: Juanita Santos Nacu (C390-420)

SPEAKER 20: Andrew Shogren (C423-443)

SPEAKER 21: Levin Sy (C480-512)

Comment by ODell C513-523

SPEAKER 22: Janet Waltz (C532-658)

Ms. Waltz is not part of an organized presentation. Ms. Waltz stated that Mira Mesa shares interests with Scripps Ranch. Rancho Penasquitos has shared interests with the communities to the north in District 1 and as 56 goes through, those interests will expand.

SPEAKER 23 Clive Richards (D040-120)

Mr. Richards suggested trying to combine all of Clairmont Mesa in one district based on the planning group maps, and combine Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, and Linda Vista into one district. Linking communities is a very important issue.

SPEAKER 24 Michael Sprague (D125-156)

Mr. Sprague stated that he feels uncomfortable about the number people who have stated that they speak on behalf of the residents of City Heights. He stated that these are people he has never seen in the community. Mr. Sprague commented on the residents that make up City Heights.

The Commission took a break at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

The Commission discussed the maps which are being considered. Mr. Pesqueira stated that the Commission would not be going back out into the community for input.

Mr. Johnson agreed that it was time to make a decision and was willing to make a motion to narrow it down to one map.

Mr. Ulloa presented his Revised Evolution Map and explained that this map took into consideration the interests of the Asian Pacific Islander community in Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos, but it made things worse for the central section of the city. The Commission also worked with the Revised Preliminary Map of August 13, Levin Sy's map, and Joey's Revised Evolution Map.

The Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and worked with the various maps and agreed that it would be difficult to adopt a map that joined Rancho Penasquitos and Mira Mesa in the interest of the Asian Pacific Islander Community because of legal constraints and the number of council



districts.

Mr. Ulloa withdrew any and all maps he presented for consideration in recognition of the fact that none of them substantially increased the percentage of Asian American voters within a district..

**MOTION BY COMMON CONSENT TO REJECT JOEY'S REVISED EVOLUTION MAP.**  
Vote: Unanimous.

**MOTION BY COMMON CONSENT TO REJECT EVOLUTION A-1 MAP.** Vote: Unanimous.

**MOTION BY ULLOA TO REJECT THE EVOLUTION MAP.** Second by Magana. Vote Unanimous.

The remaining map was the Revised Preliminary Redistricting Plan.

Mr. Ulloa requested discussion regarding the Revised Preliminary Redistricting Plan, primarily the Mission Bay area. Mr. Ulloa suggested putting the eastern portion of Mission Bay into District 6. The Commissioners discussed their concerns regarding this change and the testimony that was received from the community.

**MOTION BY CAMARILLO TO MOVE EAST MISSION BAY, FROM THE TIP OF CROWN POINT TO VACATION VILLAGE FOLLOWING THE INGRAHAM STREET CONNECTION INCLUDING THE DE ANZA AREA, TO DISTRICT 6.** Second by Ulloa. Yeas-Camarillo, Ulloa, Saito, Johnson; Nays-ODell, Magana, Pesqueira. (Tape F310)

Mr. Ulloa requested that the Commission look at an area in the Barrio Logan Planning Area, a residential area south of Imperial Avenue. Mr. Ulloa stated that this area may be better represented in District 8 than District 2 due to the nature of the surrounding area which is commercial retail. This Commissioners discussed the change.

**MOTION BY ULLOA TO ADD THE SECTION SOUTH OF IMPERIAL AVENUE TO DISTRICT 8.** Yeas-Ulloa, Saito, Magana, Johnson, Camarillo, Pesqueira; Nays-None; Abstain-ODell. (Tape F600)

Ms. Heshimu advised the Commission regarding the availability of rooms for the next meeting.

Chairman Pesqueira confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Friday, August 17, 2001, at 4:00 p.m.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION

(Tape location B108-G089.)

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JOHNSON TO ADJOURN. Second by Ulloa. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION ACTION

(Tape location G092.)

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Ralph Pesqueira, Chairman  
2000 Redistricting Commission

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Esther Ramos  
Legislative Recorder